



1           (1) a requirement that each school permit appropriate persons such as parents,  
2 students, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board,  
3 school administrators, and the general public to participate in the development,  
4 implementation, and periodic review and update of the school wellness and nutrition  
5 standards;

6           (2) a requirement that each school inform and update the parents and students  
7 about the content and implementation of the school wellness and nutrition standards by  
8 whatever means may effectively publicize the standards, including radio, television,  
9 newspaper, or other mediums; and

10          (3) a requirement that the Ministry of Education periodically measure and make  
11 available to the public an assessment on the implementation of the school wellness and  
12 nutrition standards, including the extent to which schools are in compliance with the  
13 school wellness and nutrition standards.

14       § 902. Technical assistance and best practices.

15       The Ministry of Education, in consultation with the Ministry of Health, shall provide  
16 information and technical assistance to local schools and school food authorities, for use  
17 in establishing healthy school environments that are intended to promote student health  
18 and wellness.

19       § 903. National school nutrition standards.

20       (a) In accordance with the school wellness and nutrition standards, the Ministry of  
21 Education shall promulgate regulations to establish science-based nutrition standards for  
22 foods sold in schools.

23       (b) In establishing nutrition standards under this section, the Ministry of Education  
24 shall:

25           (1) establish standards that are consistent with the dietary guidelines as  
26 established by the Ministry of Health, including the essential food groups to  
27 encourage the consumption of necessary nutrients identified in the dietary  
28 guidelines; and

29           (2) consider –

- 1           (A) authoritative scientific recommendations for nutrition standards;
- 2           (B) local diet and customary food items produced in the Republic of Palau;
- 3           (C) the practical application of the nutrition standards; and
- 4           (D) special exemptions for school-sponsored fundraisers, if the fundraisers
- 5           are approved by the school Parent Teacher Association and are infrequent
- 6           within the school.

7           § 904. Prohibition of sale of certain food items on school property.

8           (a) The Ministry of Education, working in coordination with the Ministry of

9           Health, shall promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this Chapter to prohibit

10           certain beverage and food items known to contribute to obesity and the onset of

11           non-communicable diseases. In promulgating these regulations, the Ministry of

12           Education and the Ministry of Health shall consider factors, including but not be limited

13           to:

- 14                   (1) the item's sodium content;
- 15                   (2) the item's sugar content;
- 16                   (3) the presence of monosodium glutamate; and
- 17                   (4) the item's saturated fat content.

18           (b) Any person found in violation of subsection (a) or subsection 905 of this Chapter

19           shall be guilty of a violation and liable for a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per

20           occurrence.

21           § 905. Prohibition of use of public funds.

22           No public funds shall be used by any public or private school to acquire and distribute

23           food items that are known to contribute to obesity and the onset of non-communicable

24           diseases.”

25           Section 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the

26           President of the Republic of Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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